

PAPILIO POLYMNESTOR.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ apicem versus crassiores, sæpius clavato-capitatae.

Alæ (sedentis) erectæ sursumque conniventes.
(*Volatu* diurno.)

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 744.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

PAPILIO alis dentatis subconcoloribus nigris, posticis apice cæruleis nigro maculatis.

Fabr. Spec. Insect. tom. 2. p. 9.

Eq. Troj.

Elegans hoc insectum, Asiam incolens, est inter species a Linnæo non descriptas. Alæ ejus superiores sunt aterrimæ, nubeculis tamen paucis albescens in longitudinem juxta apices ductis, et prope basin nota exstat subtrigona producta coccinea. Alarum inferiorum basis est aterrima et holoserica, pars autem reliqua colorem habet e subcæruleo albicantem, maculis nigris niveisque ornatum.

T H E
POLYMNESTOR BUTTERFLY.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ, (or *Horns*) thickening towards the upper part, and generally terminating in a knob, or club-shaped tip.

Wings (when sitting) erect, and meeting upwards.
(*Flight* diurnal.)

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SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

BUTTERFLY with indented black wings, colour of both surfaces nearly the same, the lower wings blueish towards the tips, and spotted with black.

This beautiful insect is one of those species which are not in the works of Linnæus. It is an inhabitant of Asia. The upper wings are of a deep black, with a few longitudinal whitish clouds towards the tips, and a lengthened mark of deep crimson of a somewhat triangular shape, near the base of each. The lower wings are of a deep velvet-black at the base, and from thence of a most elegant whitish or extremely pale blue, ornamented with spots of black and snow-white.



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